

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1076

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Allowing crime victims to submit input to the department of corrections regarding an offender's placement in work release.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Rolfes, Eddy, Kelley, Pearson, Simpson, Moeller, Orcutt, Morrell and Upthegrove.

**House Committee on Human Services**  
**Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections**

### **Background:**

The Department of Corrections (DOC) is authorized to convert up to six months of an offender's sentence to work release. Work release is a form of partial confinement in which offenders are allowed into the community for employment purposes. The DOC is required, at least 30 days prior to an offender's placement in work release, to notify in writing the victim of the offender's crime, or the victim's next of kin (if the crime was a homicide), of the work release placement if: (1) the offender was convicted of a sex offense, a violent offense, or felony harassment; and (2) the victim has made a written request for such notification.

### **Summary:**

Upon receipt of a written request for notification of work release placement, and at the time that the DOC notifies the victim or the victim's next of kin of the offender's placement in work release within 30 days of the placement, the DOC must provide instructions on how to provide input to the DOC regarding the placement. The DOC is required to consider any input received from the victim or the victim's next of kin if received at least seven days prior to the offender's placement in work release. The DOC may consider such input if it is received less than seven days prior to placement in work release. The DOC may change its work release placement decision based upon input received from the victim or victim's next of kin.

### **Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	0
Senate	45	0

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